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Docket No.: 2685/5439

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/599,947  
Applicant : Vinay Kundaje, et al.  
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Examiner : Kevin D. Mew

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

The following remarks respond to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks within the shortened statutory period set by the Examiner.

Accordingly, in the above-identified application, please enter the following:

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 26.**

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### CONCLUSION

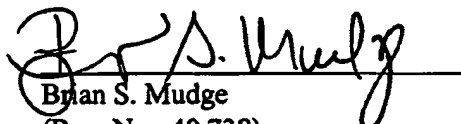
In view of the amendments and remarks submitted above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present case is in condition for allowance. Applicants' silence as to some of the Examiner's comments is not indicative of an acquiescence to the stated grounds of rejection and Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application to pursue the original subject matter of the claims. Applicants again respectfully request issuance of a notice of allowance for all currently pending claims.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4214 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 16, 2004

  
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